

**S1 Table. Bacterial strains, plasmids and oligonucleotides used in this study.**

Strain, plasmid, oligonucleotides	Relevant features, description or sequence*	Reference
<b>Strains</b>		
<i>E. coli</i> DH5α	<i>F</i> $\phi 80lacZ\Delta M15 \Delta(lacZYA-argF)$ <i>U169 recA1 endA1 hsdR17 (rk<sup>-</sup>, mk<sup>+</sup>) phoA supE44<math>\lambda</math><sup>-</sup> thi-1 gyrA96 relA1</i>	[56]
<i>E. coli</i> BL21(DE3)	<i>F</i> <i>ompT gal dcm lon hsdS<sub>B</sub>(r<sub>B</sub><sup>-</sup> m<sub>B</sub><sup>-</sup>)</i> $\lambda$ (DE3 [ <i>lacI lacUV5-T7 gene 1 ind1 sam7 nin5</i> ])	[11]
<i>E. coli</i> Tuner(DE3)	<i>F</i> <i>ompT gal dcm lon hsdS<sub>B</sub> (r<sub>B</sub><sup>-</sup> m<sub>B</sub><sup>-</sup>) lacY1</i> (DE3)	Novagen
<b>Plasmids</b>		
pRhotHi-2-EYFP	pBBR1-MCS-derivative, P <sub>T7</sub> -lacO-MCS, Km <sup>R</sup> , Cm <sup>R</sup> , EYFP	[57]
pRhotHi-2-LacI-EYFP	pBBR1-MCS-derivative, P <sub>T7</sub> -lacO-MCS, Km <sup>R</sup> , Cm <sup>R</sup> , pBBR22b-lacI, EYFP	[14]
pAra-GFP	pSBM2g backbone, araC, Km <sup>R</sup> , P <sub>BAD</sub> -GFPmut3	[48]
pSB-M117-2g	pMB1 replicon, xylS, P <sub>M117</sub> -GFPmut3	[6]
pM117-R45T-GFP	pSB-M117-2g with R45T mutation of XylS	This work
<b>Oligonucleotides</b>		
1 (XylS_Sall_for)	Binds upstream of <i>Sall</i> -site after <i>xyIS</i> . Sequence: 5'-GAGACACAACGTGGCTTTCC-3'	This work
2 (XylS_SacI_rev)	Binds upstream of <i>SacI</i> -site in front of <i>xyIS</i> . Sequence: 5'- ATCGACTTGGCGCCTTTCTAC-3'	This work
3 (XylS_R45T_rev)	Binds within <i>xyIS</i> . Mediates R45T point mutation. Sequence: 5'- CAGGCA <u>Q</u> GCTGCACCACAGAATC-3'	This work
4 (XylS_R45T_for)	Binds within <i>xyIS</i> . Mediates R45T point mutation. Sequence: 5'- GATTCTGTGGTGCAGC <u>Q</u> TGCCTG-3'	This work

\* Underlined sequence indicates point mutation used for XylS Mutagenesis (AGG → ACG).